
2025-2026 BUDGET VOORHEESVILLE CSD

January 6, 2025
2025-2026 Budget Planning

Voorheesville CSD Vision Statement:

The Voorheesville Central School District is an engaging and supportive community of learning where everyone can participate and thrive at their highest potential.

Voorheesville CSD Mission Statement:

The mission of the Voorheesville Central School District is to provide all students a strong foundation of knowledge and experiences in a safe and supportive environment to prepare them to be productive members of the global society and to value life-long learning.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statements - Student Achievement:

The Voorheesville Central School District will provide enhanced opportunities to support the achievement of all students as they increase their capacity for learning and progress toward excellence.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statements - Staffing:

The Voorheesville Central School District will support the recruitment, training, and retention of a highly qualified and diverse staff.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statements - Financial Responsibility:

The Voorheesville Central School District will be a faithful steward of the community's financial commitment to public education and will be responsible in managing all resources.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statements - Communication:

The Voorheesville Central School District will foster trust and engagement through open two-way communication, outreach, and responsiveness to all internal and external stakeholders.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statements: Safe & Supportive Learning Environment:

The Voorheesville Central School District will provide a safe and supportive learning environment and facilities that are inclusive, nurturing, and responsive to the social-emotional and mental health needs of all students and staff.

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- January 31st: Governor releases Executive Budget proposal numbers
- February 3rd: Board of Education Work Session - Presentation of Superintendent's Draft Budget
- February 24th: Board of Education Candidate Petitions Available
- March 1st (2/28/25): Submission of 2025 - 2026 Tax Levy Limit Calculation to NYS Comptroller

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VEHICLE PROPOSITION(S) FOR MAY 20th VOTE

- **2 Large 72-Passenger Diesel School Buses- State Contract \$346,000**
- 1 Large Electric School Bus - Actively pursuing grant funding opportunities to offset cost
- Diesel Buses aided over 5 years at Transportation Aid Ratio(66%)
- Electric Buses aided over 8 years at Transportation Aid Ratio

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Historical Review of Tax Cap

Law began in 2011 - now in 14th year

- Allowable Levy Growth Factor (i.e. 2%) Over the 14 year period: lowest at .12% in 2016 to highest at 8.0% for 2024 – **2.0% is maximum for 2023-2024**
- Tax Base Growth Factors: As of December 31st: **1.0175 is the rate for Voorheesville**

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FOUNDATION AID HISTORY

- Effective with Laws of 2007 - consolidated aid categories into single stream of funding
- Goal was to define cost of “Sound Basic Education”
- Grown from \$13.6 billion in 2007 - 2008 to \$24.935 billion in 2024 - 2025
- Represents 70.58% of General Support For Public School in 2024 - 2025 and full phase-in of the Foundation Aid formula for the FIRST TIME for ALL districts

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FOUNDATION AID HISTORY

- Fall 2024 - **Rockefeller Institute recommends** changes in Foundation Aid:
- *Eliminate guarantee minimum state payment of \$500 per students;*
- *Reduce the use of “Save Harmless” funding - statutory guarantee of level funding; been relied upon to provide predictability and stability;*
- *Researchers found a “clear relationship between spending and student performance on both the New York State Assessment and the Regents test.”*

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FOUNDATION AID HISTORY

- **Rockefeller Institute also recommends.**
- *”Fully underwrite the cost” of the mandated transition to zero emission buses;*
- *Use rolling averages & multi-year phase-ins to improve predictability and reduce volatility;*
- *Reduce allocations to school districts with large reserves. (“Require districts retaining more than 10% of their budget as a year-end balance to apply the excess as an offset to Save Harmless allocations.”)*

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- **Rockefeller Institute also recommends.**
- *Create rules to trigger reductions of Save Harmless under certain conditions: “..per-pupil local income and property wealth threshold; establish an enrollment-loss threshold”;*
- *Replace student performance measure (Regents) with a 3 year average district-wide pass rate on NYS ELA and Math exams in grades 3-8;*
- *Create separate aid categories to address needs involving students with disabilities, small enrollments and enrollment growth.*

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December 9: Budget Calendar presented to Board of Education for approval

December 2024: Budget Discussion at Cabinet

January 9, 2025: Budget Planning Presentation

January 15, 2025: Budgets due from Administration

February 3, 2025: Board of Education Meeting: Presentation of Superintendent's Draft Budget; Long Range Financial Plan Presentation by district financial advisors

February 24, 2025: Board of Education Candidate Petitions Available

March 1, 2025: Submit 2024-2025 calculation of tax levy limit to Office of State Comptroller

March 3, 2025: Board of Education Meeting: Presentation of Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation

April 2-April 24, 2025: Publication of legal notices of school budget hearing and budget vote

April 7, 2025: Final budget presentation by the Superintendent; Board adopts budget and Property Tax Report Card

April 21, 2025: **Deadline for Board of Education Candidates Petitions. Due by 5:00 pm**

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April 22, 2025: Absentee ballots made available to requestors

April 23, 2025: Reserve Budget Meeting for adoption if needed; BOCES Board of Ed Meeting

April 25, 2025: Latest date for Board to adopt Budget

April 28, 2025: Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED and local newspaper of general circulation (day after BOE adopts)

May 5, 2025: Public Budget Documents available at school buildings and public library

May 12, 2025: Budget Hearing 6:00 PM

May 13 2025: Budget Brochure mailed to community

May 20, 2025: Budget Vote and Board Trustee Election; Absentee Ballots must be received by 5:00 pm

Questions?
Thank You

